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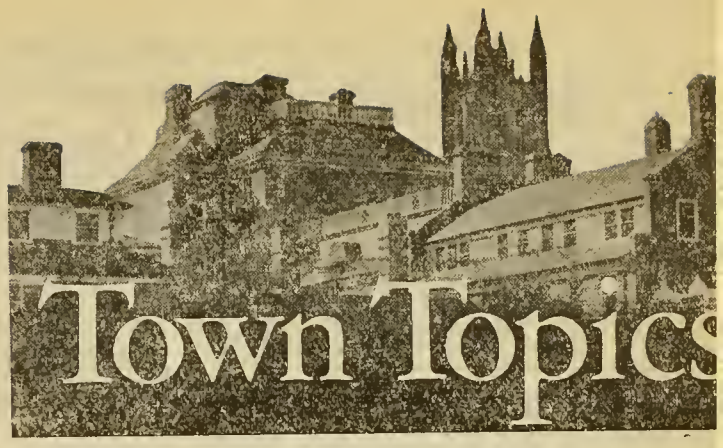

WE NOMINATE

George Michael Durner Jr., 26-year old veteran of World War II, whose courage and infectious enthusiasm for life itself have led Princeton's Veterans of Foreign Wars (Post Number 4949) to launch one of the toughest campaigns they have ever waged, a drive to enable a resident of Building 27, Halloran Hospital, to return to the community he used to roam. Ever since May 27, 1945, Durner has been at Halloran and not since "the fall of '44" has he felt anything from the waist down. He is Princeton's only war-created paraplegic—the one Princeton serviceman to come back the hard way.

A decade ago Durner was a high school senior. Last Tuesday, like a schoolboy turning out for athletics, he wheeled his chair on to a gymnasium floor to report for the hospital's paraplegic basketball team. Such is the spirit he personifiies in an era when even many of the physically whole are sagging with despair. Occasionally he is lifted into his hand-operated automobile, purchased with government funds, and drives to Princeton for a family reunion. However, another good-bye will be inevitable until the V.F.W., with the aid of others, succeeds in building the small house that will fit his special needs.

Hardened in infantry training centers, sergeant-to-be Durner was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division that at 10:30 p.m. June 5, 1944, led the United Nations back into *Festung Europa*. His section was dropped behind enemy lines, struggled through a artillery-spattered week and was then marched into a P.W. pen. Months later, after sweating out 16-hour days as a slave laborer and subsisting on an all-potato diet, he awoke one morning to find that he was unable to move. Paralysis might have been caused by a spinal blow from a Nazi rifle butt it might have originated in dietary deficiencies, but the German doctors never announced their diagnosis.

Durner, once barred from interscholastic football because of his extremely slight frame, weighed exactly 70 pounds upon admission to Halloran. In an institution, in which card-playing has been prohibited by a directive from so-called higher authority, he has regained cheerful normalcy—except in a bed-lined ward you soon discover that minutes are as long as hours. There is still hope for an operation, an operation that can be performed within the next few years. Yet Durner is the first to admit that his chances for partial recovery are a flip-of-the-coin proposition.

For demonstrating to one and all that the atomic age will never come up with a substitute for an individual's faith; for determinedly looking forward to a purposeful future; for asking for nothing, although he himself has given everything; he is TOWN TOPICS' nominee for

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Political Action. Same day the temperature skidded down near the zero mark, the political pot began to simmer. Republicans watched the political phenomenon of party leaders voting unanimously to ask their senior U. S. Senator to withdraw from the primary race as a "service to New Jersey." Many of Mr. Hawkes' votes on domestic issues, all of his isolationist blocking of vital foreign policy measures had come home to roost.

Frank Kingdon, now a resident of Princeton, had announced his candidacy for the senatorial post as a Democrat. A Princeton alumnus, James Kerney, Jr. '33, editor of The Trenton Times, had been asked by State Democratic leaders to run.

The G. O. P. presidential picture was already stirring debate wherever leisure time existed. Campaigns such as that for the late Wendell Willkie had yet to be launched here, but Eisenhower was not without backers and Taft, Dewey, McArthur, Warren, Stassen, Vandenberg, et al were getting plenty of lip service.

The Princeton Republican Club named John R. Munn as its president, and the Democrats picked the first week in February for their annual meeting, with "a major decision" on their 1948 slate to be made. The Legislature considered April 20 as primary day, this earliest date in several years promising to keep activity at a steady pitch on all fronts.

Miscellany. A game between the New York Knickerbockers and the Philadelphia Warriors might be staged in the Dillon Gym to aid the drive for funds for George Durner Jr . . . Life took pictures of Princeton Country Day School hockey players this week as representatives of an institution whose record in this sport is outstanding . . . Bernard Peyton, Jr. is the new chairman of The Tiger.

The Rev. Dr. John V. Butler, Jr., rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church,

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Children's Skates. Not having used our head (and we should have known better), we struggled through the battle of a New York department store to supply badly needed double runners for our youngster. Now, having checked with the obvious shop in Princeton and having found that they can provide them speedily, we hope that we can save you a similar ordeal.

Pete's Sport Shop, 26 Witherspoon, can get the new-since-our-day style double runners in aluminum. Instead of the old business of having wide runners, one on each edge of the foot, they are made with a narrow, but still double, runner right down the center, which permits a sensation much more akin to real skating while still giving balance and a feeling of security.

Two straps keep the skates, which are adjustable to fast-growing feet, in place. Skating weather looks to be with us for some time—a visit to Pete Johnson can make it fun for your kids, at least.

Luggage Racks. These most useful articles are not often decorative additions to your guest room, but Swern's has ones which can be. They are particularly well-made and smoothly-finished, and come in an incredible variety of shades: white, black, blue, rose, green, mahogany and maple, to be specific.

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Calendar of the Week

Saturday, January 24th

8:00-10:00 p.m.: Public Skating, Banker Rink.

8:30 p.m.: University Concert; John Garris, tenor; McCarter Theater.

Sunday, January 25th

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

11:00 a.m.: Sermon, the Rev. Victor B. Stanley Jr.; Trinity Church.

"Jesus Christ Is Lord," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.

"Profitable Teaching for Perilous Times," the Rev. Milton A. Galamison; Youth Sunday; Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.

Sermon, Commissioner Donald McMillan, of Salvation Army; Salvation Army Band and Soloists; Methodist Church.

"Today's Children," the Rev. John W. Johnson; Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church.

"The Third Commandment,' 'the Rev. Milton J. Nauss; Lutheran Service; Westminster College Chapel.

"Truth," Lesson-Sermon; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

University Preacher, Dean Donald B. Aldrich; University Chapel.

Friends Meeting for Worship; Murray-Dodge Hall, University Campus.

7:30 p.m.: Choral Evensong, Trinity Church.

8:00 p.m.: Young People's Service, under direction of the Rev. Robert H. Carley; First Church.

"The Realm You Rule," the Rev. Galamison; Witherspoon Presbyterian Church.

Gospel Chorus, Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. hCurch.

8:00-10:00 p.m.: Public Skating, Baker Rink.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

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17. Metal Work (limited to 24)

Small articles of copper, brass or aluminum will be made in this course. Each member will pay for material used. *Instructor*: Robert G. Donald, Princeton High School.

18. Jewelry (limited to 20)

A course for those interested in learning the fundamentals of jewelry design. Members will construct small pieces of jewelry, such as pins, earrings, and bracelets of sterling silver. A fee is charged for materials used. *Instructor*: J. Alfred Seitz, Princeton High School.

19. Furniture Repair (limited to 24)

The course will include repairing and refinishing of furniture, and care and repair of windows and doors. Materials for repairing and refinishing will be available at cost but no new lumber will be available. Bring a piece of furniture the first night. *Instructor*: Richard Wood, Princeton High School.

FACTS ABOUT THE SCHOOL

COST: $3.00 for each one-hour course, and $5.00 for each two-hour course, payable at the time of registration. This is the sole cost except that in a few courses (as noted in this circular) each member pays a small charge for the materials used.

WHEN: Eight Thursday evenings beginning January 29 and continuing weekly through March 18. There are two periods, the first from 8:00 to 9:00, the second from 9:10 to 10:10. Ten minutes is allowed for changing rooms. Two one-hour courses may be taken, if the hours do not conflict, or one of the two-hour courses which continues through both periods.

WHERE: At Princeton High School.

REGISTER EARLY: This is important for two reasons: first, enrollment in some courses is limited (as noted in this circular); second, the Committee may find it necessary for financial reasons to cancel courses for which less than twenty-four persons enroll.

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LIST OF COURSES

ONE-HOUR COURSES, 8:00-9:00 *P. M.*

1. Science Highlights

Distinguished scientists from Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, R.C.A. and Princeton University will present eight popular lectures covering a variety of fields: Rise and Decline of Dinosaurs in N. J., by Prof. F. B. Van Houten; Enzymes, by Dr. R. M. Herriott; Rabies, by Dr. Carl Ten Broeck; Bubbles, Drops and Molecules, by Prof. E. M. Rogers; the Electron Microscope, by Dr. James Hillier; Analysis of Psychological Attitudes, Dr. B. G. Rosenthal; the Geology of Princeton, by Prof. Paul McClintock; How Your Radio Works, by Mr. William Surber. Slides or demonstrations will accompany most of these lectures.

2. Family Life (limited to 30)

Round-table discussions of practical problems will follow half-hour talks on these topics: Behavior Patterns, Elements of Personality, Ages and Stages, Adolescence, Sex and Growth, The Role of the Parent, Religion in the Home, Maturity. The course is given by J. Kendall Wallis, M.D., Assistant Professor of Health, Princeton University, assisted on lecture five by Glenn V. Ramsey, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology, Princeton University, and on lecture seven by J. Donald Butler, Associate Professor of the History and Philosophy of Religious Education, Princeton Theological Seminary.

3. Elementary Spanish (limited to 35)

Conversational Spanish for beginners. *Instructor*: Julius T. Piccus, Princeton High School.

4. French

Conversational French for beginners. *Instructor*: (to be announced).

5. Ballroom Dancing for Beginners

A chance to learn the fundamentals of social dancing. This class is designed especially for those who are beginners. *Instructor*: Miss Caroline Hammand, Trenton State Teachers College.

6. Personal Typing (limited to 35)

Designed for persons with no previous instruction in typewriting. Typewriters for use during the course are furnished. A machine for outside practice is desirable but not required. To secure best results, participants should attend every session of the class. *Instructor*: Mrs. Maudmae Danks, Princeton High School.

ONE-HOUR COURSES, 9:10-10:10 *P. M.*

7. Behind the Headlines

This course presents the facts one needs to understand the significance of the news from the trouble spots of the world. Lectures will include: A Look at the World of 1948; What's Going On in China; Democratizing Japan; Tension in the Near East; The Situation in Greece and the Balkans; Rebuilding Germany; Western Europe — "In-Between" Countries; the U.S.S.R. The speakers are exceptionally well qualified. The list includes Prof. W. W. Lockwood, Prof. W. L. Wright and Prof. Cyril C. Black from Princeton University, and two eminent visiting professors at the Institute for Advanced Study, to be announced.

8. Great Religions of the World

This course will present seven of the world's great religions, with a final lecture on the role of religion in our time. Religions covered will include: Confucianism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, Catholicism, and Protestantism. Speakers will include Dr. T. Z. Koo, Mrs. George Rowley, Prof. E. J. Jurji, Father Q. F. Beckley, Prof. E. H. Harbison and Swami Nikhilananda.

9. Advanced Spanish (limited to 35)

Designed for persons who have studied Spanish previously. *Instructor*: Julius T. Piccus, Princeton High School.

10. Physical Recreation for Women (limited to 35)

An hour of fun, recreation, and relaxation, consisting of calisthenics, eurythmics (exercise to music) and the team sport of volleyball. Exercises and games you will enjoy, and which will answer the need of the working "gals" and mothers who do not regularly participate in physical activity. *Instructor*: Miss Elizabeth Guest, Princeton High School.

11. Advanced Ballroom Dancing

An opportunity to polish up what has been learned before. It is recommended that those who have taken a previous course in dancing in the Adult School elect this hour. *Instructor*: Miss Caroline Hammand, Trenton State Teachers College.

12. Personal Typing (limited to 35)

The same course as 6, at the later hour.

TWO-HOUR COURSES, 8:00-10:00 *P. M.*

13. Shorthand (limited to 35)

This course for beginners will cover the basic principles of shorthand. To master shorthand outlines and to build up your speed, faithful practice is required. Therefore be prepared to practice shorthand outside of school hours if you take this course. *Instructor*: Joseph Friel, Princeton High School.

14. Photography (limited to 35)

This course is for beginners. The basic techniques of still and motion picture photography will be studied, as well as fundamental dark room procedures. Wherever feasible, members will be given an opportunity to practice these elements during the class period. Members will supply own materials. Darkroom equipment will be furnished. *Instructor*: Chester R. Stroup, Nassau Street School.

15. Sketching and Painting (limited to 30)

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

The Senator Was Indiscreet (Fri., Sat.) spins a timely, amusing yarn about a U. S. Senator campaigning for president. William Powell is excellent in a film that occasionally drags but is frequently entertaining.

Captain from Castile (Sun. thru Wed.) is lush pageantry on a magnificent scale, starring Tyrone Power and Jean Peters in adventure drama set in Old World Spain and the Mexico of Cortez' day. But it doesn't begin to do justice to Samuel Shellabarger's best-selling novel. Photography and costuming are gorgeous, but the plot of this 140-minute film hasn't been well adapted from the book and drags badly well before the end.

Body and Soul (Thurs., Fri., Sat.), a conventional but well-made picture on the dishonest aspects of the boxing game, has John Garfield in the lead. Good action shots that sport fans will like, not much for others.

The Garden

On the Old Spanish Trail (Fri., Sat.) doesn't rival the better Roy Rogers' musical westerns.

The Upturned Glass (Mon., Tues., Wed.) features British James Mason in a crime drama involving two sisters whom he loves in turn, both meeting tragic consequences. Well acted, fair plot.

I Love Trouble (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) tells of a private detective who unearths an unsavory past belonging to the very man who had hired him to check on his wife. Franchot Tone, Janet Blair in a weak film.

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Providence, R. I. ,will come here June 1 to succeed Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving as rector of Trinity Church . . . The Princeton Film Center will seek an exemption from existing zoning laws in Lawrence Township next week in a move to expand its activities in the production and distribution of educational pictures.

The Princeton basketball team's split-second, 56-55 victory over Syracuse Saturday will rarely be duplicated, Captain George Lawry's one-hand shot from 35 feet out going through the cords as the buzzer sounded . . .much of the spark that has led to four straight has been furnished by George Sella . . .Dick Vaughan's hockey team is likewise hot, Paul van Dyke ranking as the flash here but balance being evident and rapid progress even more so . . . without a formal team in five years, the Tigers now rate an even chance to win the Big Three title this season . . . all teams are out of action until next Saturday because of exams.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

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Tuesday, January 27th

3:15 p.m.: Basketball: Princeton H. S. vs. Highland Park; H. S. Gymnasium.

8:00 p.m.: Special Budget Meeting, Borough Council; Borough Hall.

Meeting, Princeton Township P. T. A.; Township School.

Wednesday, January 28th

Closing-Date for Nominations for Princeton Hospital Board of Trustees.

8:00 p.m.: Preparatory Service for Mid-Winter Communion; First Church.

Bible Study, the Rev. Lynn H. Corson; Methodist Church.

8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, January 29th

8:00 p.m.: Opening, Princeton Adult School; Princeton H. S.

Friday, January 30th

8:00-10:00 p.m.: Public Skating, Baker Rink.

8:15 p.m.: Meeting, Princeton Civic Association; Julian E. Garnsey, Paul Strayer, I. Russell Riker and Dorothy Whiteman, speakers; Borough Hall.

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and lamp combination is not a new one, (although, in our books, it can continue indefinitely and not lose its charm), but these hanging models are the first we've seen. The wall bracket is wrought iron in a verdi gris finish, while the plant container is a small, round copper bowl.

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